Stonewall

"We **should not** trust in ourselves **but** in God." II Cor. 1:9.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Va. Brown on the loss of her husband in an auto accident Saturday night.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler over the week end were Ben Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones and Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson had a letter from Edward and he spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison in Texas.

Master Jack Harris spent Saturday with his grandmothers, Nina and Elsie Caldwell.

Mrs. Nina Caldwell went to Lynchburg to a doctor about her arm Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dyers had her three nieces and their husbands to visit them since Christmas; also George Jenny and his wife of North Carolina.

So glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bondurant at church again Sunday. Hope they will be able to come every Sunday.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Jan. 19 - Beef pattie, green peas, candied sweet potatoes, rolls, butter, milk.

Tues., Jan. 20 - Pinto beans, tossed salad, potato chips, fruit, biscuits, butter, milk.

Wed., Jan. 21 - Fish cakes, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, rolls, butter, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 22 - **Bicentennial Menu** - Ben Franklin turkey and gravy, Bunker Hill potatoes, Thomas Jefferson salad, Liberty Bell roll, butter Independence Surprise.

Annual Vaughan Christmas Dinner

The 22nd annual Christmas dinner for the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Vaughan was held at the J. Franklin Vaughan home in Spout Spring on Sun., Dec. 28.

Guests were served buffet style on seasonably decorated tables. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brockman and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis, Eddie and Tammy, Bill and Nancy Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan, Mrs. Iva Lee Barrette, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poole, Cindy and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Vaughan, Michael and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Our President has told us about "The State of the Union" and our Governor has told us about the "State of the Commonwealth." Now it is my turn, and I will report on "the state of Martha Street, Appomattox." And I'll do it much more briefly . . . Cold. Heavens to Betsy, down to four degrees on my sheltered back porch Monday morning. And a friend from Spout Spring told me his temperature reading was one below zero. Fortunately, wind was quiet and no ice. Always a bright side, so I report that a Red Cardinal and his spouse feasted at my bird feeder, along with assorted smaller birds. And getting automobiles going was a cold morning project. Got the motor going but the windshield was another matter. And when finally got rolling, and passed by our payroll plants and offices and stores and saw a normal car parking I realized that the state of transportation in Appomattox was healthy. If the "state of the Union and the state of the Commonwealth is shipshape as the "state of Martha St., Appomattox," we've got it made.

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In severe cold weather, I like to go to my modest library and fetch out a little book of poems by Robert W. Service, 1907, called The Spell of the Yukon. Two classic favorites are The Shooting of Dan McGrew, and an all-time cold weather bit called The Cremation of Sam McGee. Great story, in rhyme. Sam was from Tennessee and went to the Yukon searching for gold, and just before he froze asked that his remains be cremated. 'Twas done and then when they opened up the furnace door, there sat Sam, looking cool and calm, and asking to shut the door to keep out a draft. The late R. W. "Pop" Wilkins, agriculture instructor at AHS knew this classic by heart and often delighted us with his recitation.

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Thanks to Jane and Brod Pack for sending me an almanac. And an old Tennessee saying, "Plant one for the blackbird, One for the crow; one for the cutworm, and One for to grow."

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith on a recent wedding anniversary. Ahead of me by about a dozen years.

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Bro. Stuart Farrar, of Pamplin, came by to show a design for the Historical Society Seal. A thing of beauty and I was proud to see that it included Sweeney's five-string banjo, as well as despiction of major Appomattoxiana.

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Bolling B. Flood, of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., recently was in Appomattox and visited Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Tyler, of Eldon Farm, and Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson.

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Morning Stars until April 1, Mercury & Venus. Gee, what lovely full moons we have been having. Note: there is a Morning Star Church near here, and that was a great name selection. He who sees the morning star will go ahead today by far.

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Thanks for reading, and next week we plan to report on the success story of an Appomattox native who has made good in a big way. Lots of em who fit that category, but this one is in top place on my note pad, because of material recently brought to my attention. Keep warm, try a bowl of hot soup and feed the birds.

THE "SOLID ICE" WATERS OF THE CREEK that runs into the Appomattox River at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park is a definite indication of the record low temperature set Monday of this week in our area. Early morning readings from two degrees below zero to two degrees above zero were reported in our area, a record low for the date in four years.

Changes In Policy Announced For Free and Reduced Price Meals In County Schools Thursday

Appomattox County Schools announced Thursday a change in its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility for the reaminder of this school year:

Family Size	Max. Family Inc. For Free Meals	Family Inc. For Red. Price Meals
1	$ 3,220	3,231 - 5,040
2	4,240	4,241 - 6,820
3	5,250	5,251 - 8,200
4	6,260	6,261 - 9,770
5	7,190	7,191 - 11,210
6	8,110	8,111 - 12,650
7	8,950	8,951 - 13,970
8	9,790	9,791 - 15,280
9	10,550	10,551 - 16,460
10	11,310	11,311 - 17,640
11	12,060	12,061 - 18,820
12	12,810	12,811 - 20,000
Each addit. family me nber	750	1,180

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms may be secured from the principal's office at each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Application may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, it should contact the school.

It is not necessary for parents to submit a new application if their children are presently receiving free or reduced price meals.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Under the provisions of the policy the school principal will review applciations and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatified with the ruling of the official, he may make a request either orally or in writing to Richard Carter, Appomattox County School Board, Appomattox, Va. 24522 - Telephone 352-8722, for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Each school and the office of the Division Superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Concord Firemen Elect Officers

Concord Volunteer Fire Department has elected its officers for the new year.

Elected to serve during 1976 were Carrington Martin, Fire Chief; Wayne Burge, 1st Assistant Chief; Wimpy Martin, 2nd Assistant Chief; Tom Shupe, Captain; Gerald Inge, Lieutenant; Frank Casper, Chaplain; Kenneth Franklin, President; Richard Carroll, Vice President; Jim Goodwin, Secretary; and Frank Gilliam, Treasurer.

1975 Forest Fire Losses Low

Forest fire losses in Southside Virginia's timberlands have been low this year. The number of fires was less than last year's record, and still under the 5 year average number of 143 fires per year.

The Farmville District of the Division of Forestry, covering eleven counties in this area, has had 120 fires which burned 328 forested acres and 73 acres of fields.

Forest Wardens who enforce the forest fire laws reported only 15 violations of the spring 4 P.M. burning law. Cooperation from the public in reporting fires and a quick attack by volunteer fire departments, forest wardens and volunteers, kept the aveage size of the fires to a low figure of 2.7 acres.

Amelia County had 8 fires burning 8 acres. Amherst County had 12 fires burning 13 acres. Appomattox County had 10 fires burning 44 acres. Bedford County had 17 fires burning 78 acres. Buckingham had 16 fires burning 92 acres. Campbell had 17 fires burning 97 acres. Charlotte had 6 fires burning 21 acres. Nottoway County had 8 fires burning 20 acres and Prince Edward County had 10 fires burning 21 acres.

By: James D. Starr
Assistant Distriict Forester

Offshore Oil Drilling Backed by 80% In Virginia Opinion Polls

Drilling for oil and gas in the U. S. Atlantic Offshore Area is favored by 80 per cent of persons who responded to opinion surveys in 7 Virginia cities, the Virginia Petroleum Industries announced today.

The responses of 1,767 persons were registered on an electronic Consumer Attitude Terminal by visitors to the American Petroleum Institute's traveling exhibit, "New Frontiers for Energy: Project '76". The exhibit attracted 12,769 Virginia visitors during appearances at Norfolk, Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown, McLean, Reston and Springfield on its 137-day tour of 49 Middle Atlantic cities.

To the question, "Do you favor, or oppose, drilling for oil and gas in the U. S. Atlantic Ocean --provided that oil companies do their best to protect the environment, and that any drilling takes place out of sight of land (at least 15 to 30 miles at sea)?", 46 per cent of Virginia responses were "favor strongly", 34 per cent "favor somewhat", 8 per cent "oppose strongly", 9 per cent "oppose somewhat", 2 per cent "no opinion", and 1 per cent did not complete the series of questions and answeres.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, the survey methodology and interpretation of data were under the supervision of Oxtoby-Smith, Inc., of New York, a leading opinion research firm. The Institute said responses were not counted from visitors who said they, or anyone in their immediate family, worked for the oil industry.

Visitors to the exhibit registered opinions and answers to half a dozen statements and questions by pressing buttons on a specially-designed electronic computer. Responses were tabulated electronically and recorded on tape in a system permitting analysis for each community visited by the exhibit.

Among Virginia respondents who favored offshore drilling, the reasons cited most frequently were, "concern about U. S. dependence on imported oil", and the belief that "demand for oil and gas will be much greater by 1985".

Those who opposed offshore drilling gave "concern about possible damage to the environment", and the preference that the "U. S. rely on energy sources other than oil and natural gas" most often as their reasons for opposition.

The exhibit related the growth of America to the

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School Board Approved Vocational and Special Education Plans

Meeting in regular session on Thurs., Jan. 14, the Appomattox County School Board approved the annual and five-year plans for vocational and special education. The revised and updated plans emphasize continued improvements in present programs with little expansion of programs anticipated during the next school session.

All vocational programs for which facilities were provided in the Appomattox County High School were initiated in 1974-75 and 1975-76. This included a total of six new vocational offerings and modifications in other vocational programs.

Special education services have been expanded each year during the past three years to meet the needs of students. During this school year the school system has classes for the educable mentally retarded, trainable mentally retarded and speech handicapped. Resource services are available for visually impaired and the emotionally disturbed.

The revised special education plan includes three additional areas of service for the 1976-77 session. These areas include inservice training for teachers in working with and identifying learning disabled children, a program for the hearing impaired and the identification of and limited services to pre-school handicapped children. The hearing impaired program will be offered subject to the approval of a federal project through which funds will be made available.

Richard Carter, Director of Vocational Education, coordinated the revision of the vocational plan and Jean Hesson, General Supervisor, had the same responsibility for the special education plan. In revising and developing each program, teachers, school administrators, school board and the respective advisory council to each program were involved.

In other business the Board approved an amendment to the School Lunch Program which increases the family income criteria for reduced price meals (see separate article regarding this change). Children who qualify for a reduced priced lunch pay twenty cents. The regular price for lunches is forty cents, grades K-6 and forty-five cents, grades 7-12.

The Board also approved a change in the school division calendar for January 23 to be a regular school day for students. This date had originally been scheduled as a teacher workday. Monday, January 26 is scheduled as a teacher workday unless schools are closed before that date due to inclement weather.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled in the Board Room at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 12.

ID Cards Issued To Senior Citizens

On January 10, 1976, the Central Virginia Commission on Aging issued 149 identification cards to citizens of Appomattox in the Rescue Squad Building in Appomattox. At a previous meeting on December 11, 1975, in the VPI Extension Office Building 212 cards were issued to persons 60+ and handicapped.

The discount program is designed to provide a variety of discounts to persons 60 and over. Seventy-five merchants offering discounts are already participating in the program. Some of the items on the present list of merchants includes discounts on automotive supplies, cleaning establishments, hair care, food stores, clothing stores, craft shops, restaurants, florists and many others.

The Central Virginia Commission on Aging is required to research comprehensive and coordinated programs for persons 60+ in Planning District XI. The Commission also functions to determine needs for senior citizens such as transportation, protective services, nutrition, health services, social and physical recreation, homemaker, chore services, and housing.

Persons interested in arranging a general meeting to discuss the above should contact Wallace Clair, Director of the Central Virginia Commission on Aging at 846-3432.

On January 24, 1976, identification cards will be processed in Pamplin at the Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Persons 60 and over are requested to bring Medicare or driver's license, and social security number for certification of birth date.

Officers Elected For Local Volunteer Fire Department

The annual meeting of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department was held January 15, 1976. At this meeting officers for the new year were elected.

Officers for 1976 are Fire Chief, Hugh Mitchell; Assistant Fire Chief, R. L. Bass; First Lieutenant, G. H. Jamerson, Jr.; Second Lieutenant, Earl Martin; Third Lieutenant, O. B. Garris; Fourth Lieutenant, Robert Childress; Equipment Sergeant, Mike Johnson; Secretary, Freddy Godsey; Treasurer, Pete Doss; and Training Coordinator, Warren Taylor.

Continuing as Fire Commissioner is C. R. Wooldridge.

Rabies Clinic Scheduled Today

A Rabies Clinic will be held today, January 22, at the Pamplin Firehouse in Pamplin from 2 until 4 p.m.

The charge will be $3.00 for each dog.

Mother's March On Birth Defects Set For Sunday Afternoon

The March of Dimes fund raising drive in the Central Virginia area is now underway.

The Mother's March on Birth Defects is held each January with volunteers going from door to door distributing educational materials and seeking contributions. Mother's March in Appomattox County is set for this Sunday, January 25, however, volunteers may solicit anytime during the month.

Locally Mrs. Crawford Davidson is County Chairman and Mrs. Mary Catherine Whitehead of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club is Chairman of the Mother's March.

This year gives us a special opportunity not only to celebrate our country's 200th birthday but to insure a happy and healthy birthday for generations of children to come. Contributions to the March of Dimes go to the prevention,

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Visitation At Historical Park Sets New Record

Despite a slight drop-off during the months of November and December Appomattox Court House National Historical Park registered 291,869 visitors for 1975, an increase of 16% over 1974.

While August showed the largest single months visitation in the park's history, the months of September and October were also surprisingly strong indicating an apparent lengthening of the parks heavy visitor season to a full seven months.

There is no indication yet for 1976 but with a slowly strengthening economy and indications that Washington, D. C. will be a major stopping point for visitors during this bicentennial year, Appomattox Court House could well exceed its 1975 visitation.

Savings & Loan Announces Name Change

Lynchburg Federal Savings & Loan Association has announced that it has changed its name to American Federal Savings & Loan Association effective January 1, 1976. The announcement was made by Jack T. Cosby, President.

The association, with it. headquarters in Lynchburg, and branch offices in Altavista, Appomattox, Brookville, Harrisonburg, and Lexington, is making the name change to more clearly define its statewide financial posture. The change will be reflected in a new logo and new signs for the home office and branch locations.

"We are extremely enthusia-

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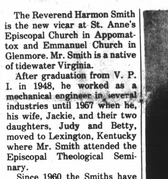
New Vicar At St. Anne's Church

The Reverend Harmon Smith is the new vicar at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Appomattox and Emmanuel Church in Glenmore. Mr. Smith is a native of tidewater Virginia.

After graduation from V. P. I. in 1948, he worked as a mechanical engineer in several industries until 1967 when he, his wife, Jackie, and their two daughters, Judy and Betty, moved to Lexington, Kentucky where Mr. Smith attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

Since 1960 the Smiths have resided in vicarages in Lexington, Kentucky, Tela, Honduras; Managua, Nicaragua; and Miami, Florida. Mr. Smith reentered the engineering field in 1968 and served at the same time as vicar of historic Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano, Virginia. It is from that post that he comes to Appomattox and Glenmore.

At various times Mr. Smith taught in the engineering graphics field at the University



Rev. Harmon Smith

of Kentucky and Miami-Dade Junior College. He taught Marine Engineering at the vocational school of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Both his daughters, Judy and Betty, and their respective husbands are students at V.P.I.

County Bicentennial Commission Will Meet January 23rd

The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission will meet in regular session on Friday, January 23 at 3 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

All commission members are urged to be present for this meeting.

Lions Club Will Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

A program on Regional Investigation Squad will be presented by the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department. Lion Harry G. Lawson made arrangements for the program.

All members are urged to attend.

Oakville Ruritans To Share In Planning 1976 Railroad Festival

At its January 5th meeting, the Oakville Ruritan Club heard a request by Mrs. Billy Thompson and Miss Claudia Gordon, shown above, of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club for assistance with the 1976 Railroad Festival.

The Oakville Club agreed to take responsibility for organizing and conducting the festival parade.

Mike Shafer was elected as chairman from the club and will also serve on the Festival Board of Directors. Jim Pugh will serve as Club Vice Chairman and Travis Poole will serve on the Festival Finance Committee.